

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Spangenberg, et al.	
Application No.: 10/553,507	
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Title: Manipulation of organic acid biosynthesis and secretion	Examiner:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination of the above-referenced application and in partial response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed June 9, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets of drawings:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks/ Arguments section of this paper.